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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Thyagarajan SRIKANTHA *et al.*  
Title: CANDIDA ALBICANS TWO-COMPONENT  
HYBRID KINASE GENE, CANIK1, AND USE  
THEREOF  
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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the final Office Action dated April 23, 2002, a petition for extension of time being filed concurrently herewith, please consider the following:

**In the Claims**

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.21, please substitute for claims 13-15 the following rewritten versions of the same claims, as amended. The changes are shown explicitly in the attached "Versions with Markings to Show Changes Made."

13. (Amended) An isolated polynucleotide that encodes a protein linked to phenotypic switching in *Candida albicans* that exhibits 70% or greater identity to SEQ ID NO3.

14 (Amended) The polynucleotide of claim 13 that exhibits 80% or greater identity to SEQ ID NO 3.

15. (Amended) The polynucleotide of claim 13 that exhibits 90% or greater identity to SEQ ID NO3.